Delhi Administration is not checking the quality of food articles being sold by the Restaurants of Defence Colony Market, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of restaurants in Defence Colony Market, New Delhi and the number of samples lifted from each of them during the last six months; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to check the quality of food articles sold by the Establishments/Restaurants in that market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the Delhi Administration, no specific complaint has been received by the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration alleging sale of adulterated food articles by the Eating Houses/Restaurants of the Defence Colony Market, New Delhi.

Different localities are taken up by the Department of PFA according to the intelligence reports received, to check the quality of food articles sold by eating establishments/Restaurants.

Nutritional strength of baby foods

2832. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study on nutritional strength of baby foods in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delays and possible date of completion of the survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Settlement with Government Doctors

2833. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had offered to look into the demands of Doctors, in Government Service, without any victimization on the event of the strike being called off;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard, and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that the doctors do not suffer for resorting to the srike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Discussions are being held with Doctors to look into their demnads sympathetically.

Withdrawal of Acquired Immuno-Deficiency Syndrome Bill

2834. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Acquired Immuno-Deficinency Syndrome (AIDS) Bill of 1989 has been withdrawn by Government;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to reintroduce the Bill and incorporate some modification therein the view of the lacunae identified in the provisions of the Bill; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes.

(b) There are several controlversial issues related to the policy and legislation

pertaining to the AIDS prevention Bill, 1989. The first major issue is the policy to be adopted with regard to regulating prostitution. The second issue is how to ensure confidentiality. There is also the question of whether any penalty should be incorporated. Providing for penality may be counter productive if patients preferring anonymity refuse to seek medical attention.

In the light of the foregoing, a legislation is not considered necessary for preventing and controlling HIV Infection. What is required to be done, is to promote activities in the areas of informtaion, education and communications, directed at the general popoulation and groups practising high risk behaviour, promoting blood safety by establishing zonal blood banks and promoting voluntary blood donation, conducting surveillance of high risk groups with a view to assessing prevalence rates and trends in various regions, organising medicare facilities for HIV nfected/AIDS patients in identified Hospitals etc. The Government is already attending to these tasks under the National AIDS Control Programme.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up of Dental College in Jammu

2835. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a dental college was planned to be set up in Jammu;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in setting up of this college; and

(c) by when this college is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Birth Control Vaccine for Women

2836. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the "National Institute of Immunology" has produced a birth control vaccine for women; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) The Birth Control Vaccine based on Human Chorionic Genadotropin has been developed by the National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi which is presently undergoing Phase II clinic trials at three centres namely, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi; Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi and Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh. The efficacy of the vaccine would be evaluated at the conclusion of the clinical trials.

Universal childhood immunisation Programme

2837. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the progress made in implementing the universal child immunisation programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): The progress as reported by the States/U.Ts under the Universal Immunization Programme during 1990-91 is as under:—